

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Colorado State Office
Lakewood, CO**

DECISION RECORD

PROJECT NAME: Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Colorado Parks and Wildlife Fish Reclamation Projects on BLM –Managed Lands in Colorado

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CON-2015-0001-EA

DECISION

It is our decision to implement the Proposed Action as analyzed in the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) authorizing chemical treatments in waters located on BLM-managed lands in Colorado.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAND USE PLAN

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the following Resource Management Plans (RMPs):

Office	Name of Plan	Date Approved
<i>Northwest District</i>		
Colorado River Valley Field Office	Colorado River Valley RMP	July, 2015
Grand Junction Field Office	Grand Junction RMP	August, 2015
Kremmling Field Office	Kremmling RMP	July, 2015
Little Snake Field Office	Little Snake RMP	October, 2011
White River Field Office	White River RMP	July, 1997
<i>Southwest District</i>		
Gunnison Field Office	Gunnison RMP	February, 1993
Tres Rios Field Office	Tres Rios RMP	February, 2015
Uncompahgre Field Office	Uncompahgre Basin RMP	July, 1989
<i>Front Range District</i>		
Royal Gorge Field Office	Royal Gorge RMP	May, 1996
San Luis Valley Field Office	San Luis Valley RMP	December, 1991

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Proposed Action and the No Action alternative were analyzed in the EA. The Proposed Action, the selected alternative, was found to have no significant impacts to the environment, thus an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A 30-day public scoping period on the EA took place from June 8, 2015 to July 8, 2015.

Information about the project was posted on the project ePlanning webpage

(https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup_register.do) during that period. No

comments were received during the public scoping period. The EA and signed FONSI were also posted on the ePlanning webpage (see above) from April 16, 2016 to May 16, 2016. No comments were received during this time.

RATIONALE

The proposed action will help facilitate the streamlining of Colorado Parks & Wildlife's fish reclamation projects on BLM managed lands. These projects are identified during inter-agency coordination meetings of which BLM is a participant, and by and large, the majority of the projects would benefit native fish species. These efforts are in line with BLM's mission to preclude the need to list species as threatened or endangered or assist with the removal of species already listed. In addition, managing for native fish species helps the BLM to meet Colorado Standards for Public Land Health.

We have reviewed the EA. It is our decision to approve the Proposed Action in the EA. We have determined that the Proposed Action will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. We have determined that the project is in conformance with the approved land use plans. Analysis of the Proposed Action has concluded that there were not be significant impacts and that it meets Colorado Standards for Public Land Health. It is our decision to implement the project.

MITIGATION MEASURES

In lieu of after analysis mitigation measures, the Proposed Action contains several Project Design Features that will be implemented as appropriate for each proposed treatment project. These are intended to reduce impacts to select resource values or resource users. At the site-specific project level, a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) document will be prepared by the Field Office in which the treatment project is located. At that time, additional mitigation measures may be applied as necessary to further protect cultural or natural resources or other land uses or users from proposed treatment projects. The following mitigation measures were identified at this programmatic level and will be implemented for each proposed treatment project:

Rotenone-specific Mitigation Measures:

- Lowering the maximum application rate from 250 ppb to 200 ppb;
- The use of effective personal protective equipment by workers;
- Restricted access for members of the general public to treated areas;
- The use of potassium permanganate to detoxify rotenone.


ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days

after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215. Appeal and stay procedures are outlined in Form 1842-1.

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date this notice of decision is posted on BLM's internet website.


It is our decision to approve the Proposed Action.



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5-31-16

Date



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Date